



Written Procedure 2022-07
Decision of the Governing Board on appointing the common Accounting Officer for the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking and repealing Governing Board decision n° CS-GB-2012-10-11 of 11 October 2012

3 November 2022

The Executive Director of Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking hereby launches the written procedure. The deadline for this written procedure is **1 December 2022**. Reply form to be filled in and sent to Governing-Board@clean-aviation.eu

The Undersigned

(Name of the representative)

Name of the organisation

Rosalinde van der Vlies, Dir C.

Dg R&I, European Commission.

	Accept	Does not accept	Observation/ Abstains
	X	(1)	(2)

(1) Indicate here the reason

(2) In case of a potential conflict of interest please state: "Abstention due to COI".

Date

30 November 2022

E- Signature

Rosalinde van der Vlies



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THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CLEAN AVIATION JOINT UNDERTAKING, (hereafter referred as "CAJU")

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe and repealing Regulations (EC) No 219/2007, (EU) No 557/2014, (EU) No 558/2014, (EU) No 559/2014, (EU) No 560/2014, (EU) No 561/2014 and (EU) No 642/2014 (hereafter the "Single Basic Act or the "SBA")¹, and in particular Articles 13(1)(d) and 26(3) thereof;

Having regard to the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking Financial Rules adopted by the Governing Board on 16 December 2021² (hereafter the "Financial Rules"), and in particular Article 25 ("Accounting officer");

Having regard to the discussion and agreement at Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking Governing Board level to operationalise the accounting³,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 25(1) of Financial Rules provides that the Governing Board must appoint an accounting officer who should be totally independent in the performance of his or her duties, and be responsible for the tasks set out in that article,
- (2) Article 25(2) of the Financial Rules states that Joint Undertakings may appoint the same accounting officer,
- (3) The Accounting Officer of the Clean Aviation JU has been appointed via Governing Board decision of 11 October 2012⁴,
- (4) Article 13(1) of the SBA states that to gain synergies and efficiencies Joint undertakings shall, within one year following the date of entry into force of the SBA, operate back office arrangements (hereafter "BOAs"), amongst other areas, in accounting (excluding treasury),
- (5) The European Commission (Directorate-General for Budget) has informed in its note ARES(2021)6560472 of 25 November 2021 about the termination of DG Budget's accounting services to Joint Undertakings as from 1 December 2022,

¹ OJ L 427, 30.11.2021, p. 17–119

² Ref. CAJU-GB-2021-12-16 Omnibus Decision

³ Refer to the Minutes of meeting of 12 December 2022, ref. CAJU-GB-2022-09-12 MoM

⁴ Ref. CAJU-GB-2021-12-16 Omnibus Decision

- (6) Following a formal request (ARES(2022)5976078) sent by the Europe Rail JU to all the Executive Directors of the Joint Undertakings⁵, the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking expressed an interest in the BOA for Accounting Services proposed by the Europe Rail JU,
- (7) In respect of Article 25 of the Financial rules, it is up to the Governing Board of each Joint Undertaking to adopt the necessary decision to entrust the Accounting Officer function to an Accounting Officer working for a “JU Accounting Provider”,
- (8) The Accounting Officer skills and competences allows fulfilling the duties established in the Financial Rules and the necessary handover with the former Accounting Officer duly ensured,
- (9) The Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking made the necessary arrangements in order to avoid any conflict of interests as regards the nominated Accounting Officers and deputy Accounting Officers.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1 **Accounting Officer for the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking**

Ms Andrea Toth (CAJU) is hereby appointed as the Accounting Officer of the CAJU and will also perform those tasks also for the other Joint Undertakings that expressed the interest to join the BOA for Accounting Services.

Article 2 **Deputy Accounting Officers for the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking**

Mr Andrei Hretu (EU-Rail JU) and Ms Katty Hancq (SESAR 3 JU) are hereby appointed as the Deputy Accounting Officers of the CAJU and will also perform those tasks for the other Joint Undertakings that expressed the interest to join the BOA for Accounting Services.

The deputisation will occur in case of the impossibility of the Accounting Officer appointed in Article 1 of this Decision, to perform her/his task in accordance with Article 25(1) of the Financial Rules. This role will only be activated after the Governing Board is informed in writing. The information should clarify the reason for the deputising activation, the name of the Deputy Accounting Officer and the expected duration of the deputisation. Once the deputisation is activated, the Deputy Accounting Officer is considered appointed with the same responsibility and at the same conditions as set out in Article 25(1) of the Financial Rules.

⁵ Article 3 SBA: (a) the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking; (b) the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking; (c) the Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking; (d) the Europe’s Rail Joint Undertaking; (e) the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking; (f) the Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking; (g) the Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking; (h) the Single European Sky ATM Research 3 Joint Undertaking; (i) the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking. And in addition, also including the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking.

Article 3

The Governing Board Decision n° CS-GB-2012-10-11 of 11 October 2012 appointing the Accounting Officer of the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking is thereby repealed.

Article 4

The Executive Director of Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking is empowered by the Governing Board to sign the relevant service level agreements to operationalise the BOA accounting services and shall make this decision publicly available on the CAJU's website.

Article 5

This decision shall enter into force on 1 December 2022.

Done at Brussels, on 1 December

For the Governing Board

Rosalinde van der Vlies

Chair of the Governing Board